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DEPT PASS IMMEDIATELY TO WHITE HOUSE FOR PRESIDENT,
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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), PFOR

SUBJ: SECVISIT -- SECRETARY'S REPLY ON FRENCH PEACEKEEPING
PROPOSAL FOR LEBANON

1. FOLLOWING IS EXCHANGE WHICH TOOK PLACE ON ABOVE
SUBJECT AT JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER
AND FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND IN OSLO, MAY 22:

QUESTION: COULD YOU PLEASE COMMENT ON THE OFFER BY
THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE TO DISPATCH PEACE-KEEPING TROOPS
TO LEBANON.

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SECRETARY KISSINGER: I HAVE ONLY SEEN PRESS REPORTS. I

HAVE NOT SEEN THE TEXT OF WHAT HE ACTUALLY SAID. FRANCE HAS MENTIONED TO US SOME GENERAL POSSIBILITIES BUT AT NO POINT HAS A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL BEEN MADE. OUR REACTION WOULD HAVE TO DEPEND ON WHAT THE SITUATION IS IN WHICH SUCH A PROPOSAL ARISES -- WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON HAS REQUESTED IT -- WHETHER IT WOULD BRING WITH IT THE INTRODUCTIONS OF OTHER OUTSIDE FORCES WHICH WE WOULD OPPOSE -- AND WHAT THE VIEWS ARE OF OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. SO WE CANNOT TAKE A DEFINITIVE POSITION ON THIS MATTER UNTIL IT COMES UP IN A MORE FORMAL WAY THAN IT HAS. AND UNTIL WE KNOW THE VIEWS OF OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN GREATER DETAIL, ARAB AND OTHERS, AND THEN WE WILL TAKE A FORMAL POSITION. WE LISTENED WITH SYMPATHY TO THE CONCERN OF SEPARATING THE VARIOUS WARRING GROUPS. AND WE WILL LOOK AT IT WHEN IT ARISES.
KISSINGER

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